

For 28 years, the Oak Lawn Elks have honored the importance of the American flag to the history and future of the United States. In my speech at this ceremony, I spoke about the American flag and its history of inspiring hope and faith in this country as well as abroad. In her eloquent patriotic address, the Honorable Maureen Murphy, State representative, spoke about the importance of voter participation and registration. Her call for action and words of wisdom were truly awe inspiring and symbolic of great nationalism. The Oak Lawn Elks embody that true American spirit. I was especially moved to see the eight original American flags in addition to flags representing the armed services.

I would like to pay special tribute to James Fealey, chairman of the Flag Day ceremony, in addition to the officers for 1996–1997, William J. Spratt, exalted ruler; Robert Richter, leading knight; George Kerr, loyal knight; Tony Kasper, lecturing knight; Jerome Lullo, treasurer; Donald Nowak, tiler; Norman A. Gates, esquire; Jack Snow, chaplain; Dave Sonne, inner guard; Cornelius J. Houtsma, presiding justice; William P. Holm, John Prisco, James Fernatt, Kevin G. Kennedy and William Skinner, the board of trustees.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Oak Lawn Elks for continuing their tradition of patriotism and wish them the very best in the years to come. I am proud and honored to represent the Oak Lawn Elks in Congress. Their energetic salute to the flag is an event I took forward to each year.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA LYNCH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to give tribute to an outstanding individual on her being nominated grand marshal for the Fourth of July celebration in Rosebush, MI.

Donna Burch was 1 of 15 children born to a farming family in Rosebush, MI. Both her and her future husband, Terry, attended Mt. Pleasant High School and shortly after graduation, in 1955, they were married. Today they are the proud parents of eight children, and Donna is best known as the home cooking inspiration of the White Wagon Restaurant and Motel.

Donna is more than just a proud mother and successful restaurateur, she is also a humanitarian and public servant. She is always ready to help organize fundraisers for good causes or to provide food and comfort for a family in need. To know Donna Lynch is a wonderful experience. Being quick with a hug, this busy, hard-working woman is a pure pleasure to be with. Easy to laugh and enjoy a good joke; yet tough enough to get the job done.

It is work such as Donna's, both for her family and for the community, that inspires us all to achieve the best we can, and to promote these qualities in others. Mr. Speaker, I know you will join my colleagues and me in honoring the work of Mrs. Donna Lynch and the legacy of service and commitment she has left for us all.

THE AMERICAN VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY RESEARCH NETWORK

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, a very important conference took place last week in Washington, DC. Its purpose was to create the foundation of the American Viticulture and Enology Research Network [AVERN].

AVERN is a new private-State-Federal partnership composed of wine industry leaders and researchers that could be a model for all of agriculture. I was proud to lead the effort to encourage the U.S. Department of Agriculture to participate in this network, which should lead to an efficient allocation of resources that will well serve our producers and the taxpayers.

This week, the leaders of AVERN have put in place the network to coordinate the solicitation of problems and needs from the industry nationwide. This network will further define those problems and identify potential solutions. It will prioritize the needs on a national basis and then set up the mechanisms to search for funding to solve these problems on a national level.

Another initiative integral to the wine industry is the Pacific Northwest Small Fruits Research Center. I have worked to ensure Federal funding for it, because I believe this is the kind of investment the Federal Government should be making. It is important to note that this center is also financially supported by the grape and wine growers and those who produce other berries including strawberries, blackberries, boysenberries, and cranberries.

Federal investment in research is extremely cost effective. Both AVERN and the Small Fruits Research Center are outstanding programs and I commend everyone involved with them.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SWEET, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an entrepreneur and community leader who has made a career out of giving back to the community in which he lives. The man I am speaking of is my good friend and constituent Bob Sweet of Alum Bank, PA. Today is a special day for Bob and his family as he is being recognized as the Bedford Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year.

After graduating from Pasadena High School, Bob went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in 1959 from the University of the Pacific in California. Upon graduation from college, Bob started what has proved to be an extremely impressive and lucrative career in business. His first job was as a sales representative for Dow Chemical Co. After 3 successful years with Dow, Bob moved onward and upward accepting a position with Westinghouse in 1962. He worked for Westinghouse for a 10-year stint in which he continued to make his way up through the ranks of the corporation.

Bob found himself at a turning point in his life when in 1972 Westinghouse transferred him to Bedford, PA. In December of that year he made the momentous decision to take his years of experience in corporate America and boldly go out into the private sector to start his own company which he called Creative Pultrusions Inc. Creative Pultrusions was born with one order from General Motors. General Motors asked the company to develop an intricate prototype pultrusion system and gave them a strict deadline in which they were required to meet. Through the leadership and drive of Bob Sweet, Creative Pultrusions fulfilled the order and got the ball rolling on what today is a multimillion dollar company which employs more than 250 people in Bedford County. Creative Pultrusions has also continued to expand over the years and just recently opened a sales office in Northants, England and a distribution center in the Netherlands.

Bob Sweet's impact on Bedford County does not stop simply at his contributions through his business life. He has been a proven community leader as well, with a long list of groups which he has devoted a great deal of his personal time toward. To name a few, these groups include the Chestnut Hill School Board, the Memorial Hospital of Bedford County Board of Directors, the Bedford United Way, and this Bedford Rotary Club.

Whether serving his customers, his colleagues, or the residents of Bedford County, Bob Sweet has built a reputation as man of his word who is always there for his friends and neighbors. Bob's wife Margie has been his partner and helper and the rock upon which his family and successes have been built. I will close on a personal note in thanking Bob for the many years of friendship and guidance which he has given both myself and my family and by congratulating him on this very special evening.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W. HYATT

HON. BILL PAXON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, on the 1st of June, western New York and the city of Buffalo lost one of our most respected business and community leaders, Charles W. Hyatt.

Charles Hyatt's story is an American story. Charles was a Bronze Star decorated veteran of the U.S. Army. Charles Hyatt served during World War II in the U.S. Army Signal Corps with Gen. George Patton's troops in 1944.

Charles Hyatt began his start in business as a sales representative for an art supply store in Buffalo, NY. He worked hard, learned the business, and in 1959 founded his own company, the Hyatt Graphic Supply Co. For the past 36 years, Hyatt's has provided arts and graphics supplies for teachers, painters, and artists throughout the city of Buffalo, Rochester, and western New York.

Charles Hyatt earned a national reputation as a business leader. He was named the 1988 Man of the Year for the National Art Material Association and was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. Charles also was an active leader in his community, working closely throughout his lifetime with western New York service and charitable organizations.

Over his lifetime, Charles Hyatt left a number of legacies: his service to his country, his reputation as a business and community leader—second to none in our community—and his greatest legacy of all, his family. Charles Hyatt is survived by his family, his wife, his sons and daughter, and eight granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of western New York, I would like to express our sorrow and condolences on the passing of a true American success story, Charles Hyatt.

TRIBUTE TO FORT ZUMWALT
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Fort Zumwalt North Middle School seventh and eighth grade concert choirs from O'Fallon, MO.

Over the past 2 years, under the skilled guidance of their director, Mr. Gregory S. LeSan, the North Middle School choirs have been honored with numerous trophies and plaques in national-level competitions. These include, competitions at Six Flags Over Mid-America where both the seventh and eighth grade choirs received top honors, and the Worlds of Fun competition, where once again, both choirs took home first prize. In addition, they have also performed in several invitationals such as, the 1996 Music Educators National Convention in Kansas City, where they represented the entire State of Missouri.

However, perhaps their greatest accomplishment thus far, came with their invitation to compete July 9 through 14, 1996, in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. This is the first time in the 50-year history of this world-renowned competition that a public middle school from the United States of America has ever been accepted to sing in this audition-selected international event. This is a rare opportunity to represent their community, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America in a competition that represents over 50 countries.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are to be commended for their continued hard work and dedication to excellence, which has brought not only their school nationwide recognition, but is also a source of great pride to the residents of O'Fallon, MO. It is with great pride that I congratulate these students and recognize the contributions they have made while at Fort Zumwalt North Middle School.

A TRIBUTE TO TERRY LYNCH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 1996

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to give tribute to an outstanding individual on his being nominated grand marshal for the Fourth of July celebration in Rosebush, MI.

Born in Rosebush in 1931, Terry has dedicated his life to serving the people of mid-

Michigan and the country. Terry served in the U.S. Army and later became a charter member and commander of the Rosebush American Legion Post. He spent 38 years working for Dow Chemical, retiring in 1988. In addition, he served for 26 years on the village council presently as its chairman, and he is the treasurer of the Mount Pleasant School Board.

But Terry's dedication to his neighbors continues beyond public service. He was the 1970 recipient of the Carlton F. Seaman award for being the outstanding service officer of the 10th district. Terry has also coached Colt League baseball and has been a fundraiser for Little League.

It is work such as Terry's that inspires us all to achieve the best we can, and to promote these qualities in others. Mr. Speaker, I know you will join my colleagues and I in honoring the work of Mr. Terry Lynch and the legacy of service and commitment he has left for us all.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 1996, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 19

9:00 a.m.

Select on Intelligence

To hold hearings to review claims against the United States by former Vietnamese operatives.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H.Con.Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

SR-332

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting, to mark up S. 1815, to provide for improved regulation of the securities markets, eliminate excess securities fees, and reduce the costs of investing.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues relating to salmon recovery research.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Rules and Administration

To continue hearings on public access to government information in the 21st century, focusing on the Government Printing Office depository library program.

SR-301

Indian Affairs

Business meeting, to mark up Title III (Child Custody Proceedings Affected by the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978) of H.R. 3286, Adoption Promotion and Stability Act.

SR-485

10:00 a.m.

Finance

To resume hearings to examine proposals to reform the welfare and Medicaid system, focusing on S. 1795, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

Business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

SD-192

2:00 p.m.

Select on Intelligence

Closed business meeting, to consider pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To resume hearings on broadcast spectrum issues.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1424, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park to establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation area, to establish the Curecanti National Recreation Area, and to establish the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Complex.

SD-366

10:00 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs on the Native American housing assistance provisions of H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, with annexes (Treaty Doc. 104-24), and a proposed International Natural Rubber Agreement.

SD-419